AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A vibration type driving apparatus comprising:

a vibration member of which the vibration is excited; and

a contacting member contacting with said vibration member, said contacting member and said vibration member being moved relative to each other by the vibration of said vibration member;

wherein a friction member is provided on the contacting portion of at least one of said vibration member and said contacting member, and said friction member is formed or a resin composition containing ~~mesophase pitch carbon fiber~~ carbon fibers made from mesophase pitch producing mesophase optically exhibiting anisotropy when pitch changes from liquid phase to solid phase and at least one of fluororesin, polyimide resin, alkyd resin, polyester resin, acryl resin, amino resin, polyamide resin, epoxy resin, phenol resin, urea resin, polyurethane resin, polyamide imide resin, polyether imide resin and silicone resin, and

wherein said ~~mesophase pitch carbon fiber is~~ carbon fibers are made from mesophase pitch producing mesophase optically exhibiting anisotropy when pitch is heated and changes from liquid phase to solid phase.

Claims 15 and 16 (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A vibration type driving apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the content of said mesophase pitch carbon fiber in said friction member is 10 to 20 wt. %.

18. (Previously Presented) A vibration type driving apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said resin composition contains fluororesin.

19. (Previously Presented) A vibration type driving apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said resin composition contains polyimide resin.

20. (Original) A vibration type driving apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said resin composition contains molybdenum disulfate.

21. (Original) A vibration type driving apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said resin composition contains polyimide powder.

22. (Original) An apparatus for driving an object to be driven by using the vibration type driving apparatus according to Claim 14 as a drive source.

Claim 23 (Canceled).

24. (Withdrawn) A resin composition forming a friction member applicable to a contacting surface of a contacting member and a vibration member comprised in a vibration type driving apparatus in which said vibration member generates a vibration, said contacting member is in contact with said vibration member, and said contacting member and said vibration member is relatively moved by said vibration of said vibration member, said resin composition comprising:

mesophase pitch based carbon fiber; and

at least one fluororesin, polyimide resin, alkyd resin, polyester resin, acryl resin, amino resin, polyamide resin, epoxy resin, phenol resin,

urea resin, polyurethane resin, polyamide imide resin, polyether imide resin and silicone resin.

25. (Withdrawn) A resin composition according to Claim 24, wherein the content of said mesophase pitch based carbon fiber is 10 to 30 % by weight.

26. (Withdrawn) A resin composition according to Claim 24, wherein said mesophase pitch based carbon fiber is made from mesophased pitch producing mesophase optically exhibiting anisotropy when pitch is heated and changes from liquid phase to solid phase.